

# CIGAR WATCH

FROM THE EDITORS OF CIGAR AFICIONADO

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## FEATURED CIGAR

### Brick House Corona Larga (91 Points)

Released in 2009 by J.C. Newman as an affordable premium cigar, Brick House is a brand once made in Cleveland by the eponymous owner himself. In June's *Cigar Aficionado*, the Corona Larga (6 1/4 inches by 46 ring gauge, \$5.55) impressed our panel with big notes of leather and earth, balanced by vanilla and nougat-like sweetness. And, with a suggested retail price of less than \$6, it's a bargain.

[Brick House Cigar Ratings](#)



## Cohiba Celebrates 50 Years

Since the creation of the Cohiba brand in 1966, a special tobacco blend originally produced at the behest of Fidel Castro, the world has known about Cuba's "Best of the Best" cigar. By the time it was commercialized in 1982 in Spain and distributed in duty-free shops, every cigar lover was seeking to add the cigar to their humidor. Explore the brand's illustrious past through photos and a video of our editors smoking Cohibas that were released circa 1982.

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## Most Expensive My Father Cigar Shipping Soon

After months of delay, the most expensive My Father cigar to date will be arriving at a very small group of stores this week. Named My Father Garcia & Garcia, the new cigar will retail for \$35. It will come in but one size, a 6 3/4 inch by 54 ring vitola that My Father calls Toro Deluxe.

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## Cigar Pairing: Four Roses Elliott's Select Bourbon

Another whiskey release signals the inevitable changing of the guard among distilleries as Four Roses Bourbon presents its first limited-edition whiskey under master distiller Brent Elliott. Called Elliott's Select Barrel Strength, we paired it with Drew Estate's Liga Privada Único Serie Dirty Rat.

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## Congressional Foes Fight Obama's Cuban Policy

The stage is now set for opponents of reconciliation with Cuba to mount the first major Congressional challenge to the Obama administration's engagement policy. Sen. Ted Cruz recently introduced an amendment that would halt Obama's ongoing efforts to normalize relations with Cuba, as did Rep. Ron DeSantis in the House of Representatives.

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## Espinosa Set To Debut New Connecticut

Espinosa Premium Cigars will be introducing a Connecticut-wrapped line this summer called Espinosa Crema, marking the first time a cigar with a Connecticut wrapper will bear the Espinosa name.

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## What's Coming Up

**June 7:** *Cigar Insider* is published

**June 14:** Your next Cigar Watch is sent

**June 21:** August's *Cigar Aficionado* hits newsstands

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